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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENERGY AGREEMENT: COAL (08.03)

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1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMZNT OF ENERGY'S PROMPT RESPONSE TO REF C, WHICH ENABLED SCICOUNS TO HAVE HIGHLY PROFITABLE MEETING ON 13 JANUARY WITH POCHENKOV AT MINISTRY OF COAL INDUSTRY.

2. IN PRESENTING LETTER TO BLAGOV FROM WARNKE (REF B), SCICOUNS NOTED THAT USDEL IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING COOPERATION IN AREAS OF MINE DEGASSING THROUGH HYDROFRACTURE AND AUTOMATED MINING TECHNIQUES, AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROGRAMS DURING USDEL VISIT. AFTER READING THROUGH WARNKE LETTER, POCHENKO REPLIED THAT MINISTRY OF COAL INDUSTRY HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTED OVER LACK OF PROGRESS IN U.S.-SOVIET COAL COOPERATION SINCE SOVDEL VISIT IN DECEMBER 1976. HE HOPED THAT 1978 WOULD BRING A
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CHANGE. TO THIS END MINCOALIND WILL STUDY LETTER AND SCICOUNS'S SUGGESTIONS AND WILL FORMULATE DRAFT PROGRAM OF COOPERATION FOR CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION DURING USDEL VISIT. IN ORDER TO ADVANCE DISCUSSIONS, POCHENKOV SAID THAT MINISTRY WILL PROVIDE DRAFT TEXT TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO WARNKE WELL BEFORE VISIT.

3. POCHENKOV WELCOMED NEWS THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY O'LEARY INVITATION TO MINISTER BRATCHENKO IS ON ITS WAY, AND SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM MINISTER IMMEDIATELY. MINISTER WILL RESPOND QUICKLY AFTER RECEIPT OF O'LEARY LETTER.

4. POCHENKOV ALSO ASKED SCICOUNS TO PASS TWO SPECIAL REQUESTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: (A) MINISTER BRATCHNEKO HAS LEARNED THAT O'LEARY HAD SEVERAL INTERVIEWS WITH U.S. PRESS FOLLOWING THE VISIT FOR THE JCM, AND THE MINISTER WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO RECEIVE "TEXTS" OF THOSE INTERVIEWS. IF TEXTS NOT AVAILABLE, PLEASE POUCH FULL SET OF ARTICLES, AND ADVISE REGISTRY NUMBERS. (B) MINCOAL INDUSTRY HAS STUDIED AND APPRECIATES MATERIAL ON DEPT. OF ENERGY ORGANIZATION PROVIDED TO MINPOWER AT TIME OF ENERGY JCM, BUT WOULD LIKE FURTHER DETAILS ON HOW U.S. COALS RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES ARE DIVIDED (WE SUGGEST THAT THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION PACKET MIGHT USEFULLY BE SENT UNDER WARNKE'S SIGNATURE TO BLAGOV).

5. FOR OUR NEXT MEETING WITH THE MINISTRY, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER USDEL WOULD LIKE SITE VISITS TO EXAMINE TECHNOLOGIES DISCUSSED DURING JCM: AUTOMATED TECHNIQUEST FOR MINING DEEPLY PITCHZD SEAMS AND DEGASSING THROUGH HYDROFRACTURE (POCHENKOV STATED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT THE PITCHED-SEAM EQUIPMENT, IN WHICH DEPUTY SECRETARY O'LEARY EXPRESSED INTEREST, IS INSTALLED AND AT WORK IN THE DONBAS AND KUZBAS FIELDS).
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